Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A wiper blade for cleaning a windshield of a vehicle, said blade having ~~with~~ a frame, and with at least two claws to hold and guide a rubber-like wiper element, where the frame has at least one claw bow with a claw on at least one end of the bow and the claw bow can be connected at a distance (D) from the claw by means of a pivot to one of a wiper arm and to an additional bow on the frame, where the claw has, at the claw base, a bearing surface which presses on the upper side of the wiper element when the ~~windshield wiper~~ blade is operating, which surface is delimited in the longitudinal direction of the frame by an outer edge and an inner edge and has a maximum length (L), and where two claw sidewalls which turn into claw fingers extend from the claw base toward the windshield to be wiped running along the opposite longitudinal sides of the wiper element and where the claw fingers capture ~~the~~ a rear body forming part of the wiper element from one of below and engage longitudinal side grooves in the rear body, where the claw fingers are bounded in the longitudinal direction of the bow and are each delimited by an outer edge and an inner edge, characterized in that the claw fingers of at least one claw on the windshield wiper are offset in the longitudinal direction in relation to the ~~contact~~ bearing surface toward the pivot of the claw bow in such a way that the outer edges of the claw feet are ~~located within an area which extends from inclusive of half of the maximum length (L) of the contact surface as far as the distance between the inner edge of the contact surface and~~ offset longitudinally toward the pivot of the claw bow and underlie no more than half of the bearing surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1, where between the inner edge of the ~~contact~~ bearing surface and the outer edges of the claw fingers a gap d is present with d equal to or ~~less~~ greater than zero.

3. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1, where, in a side view of the wiper blade, the two claw fingers are aligned with each other.

4. (Currently Amended) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1 where ~~the~~ one claw finger is offset in the longitudinal direction in relation to the other claw finger.

5. (Currently Amended) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 4, where the wiper element is curved in plan view and where ~~the~~ a distance d1 of one claw finger on the side which lies on the outside of the wiper element curvature is less than ~~the~~ a distance d2 on the other claw side which lies on the inside of the wiper element curvature.

6. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 5, where the distances d1 and d2 are dependent on the degree of curvature of the wiper element in plan view.

7. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1 where one of the side of the claw base facing the wiper element is curved in relation to the claw fingers and the claw fingers have a convex curve in relation to the claw base.

8. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1, where at least one claw on the claw bow is a windshield wiper end claw.

9. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1 wherein a side view of the wiper blade, the distance in the case of the two claw fingers is the same.

10. (Currently Amended) The wiper blade in accordance with 1, where ~~the~~ a distance d1 of one claw finger is different from ~~the~~ a distance d2 of the other claw ~~fingers~~ finger.

11. (New) The wiper blade in accordance with claim 1, where the outer edges of the claw feet are offset longitudinally toward the pivot of the claw bow to a location equal to or greater than the inner edge of the bearing surface.

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs 1-4. These sheets, which include Figs. 1-4, replace the original sheets.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

These replacement drawings include the legend -- prior art-- since what is being shown are known wiper blades.